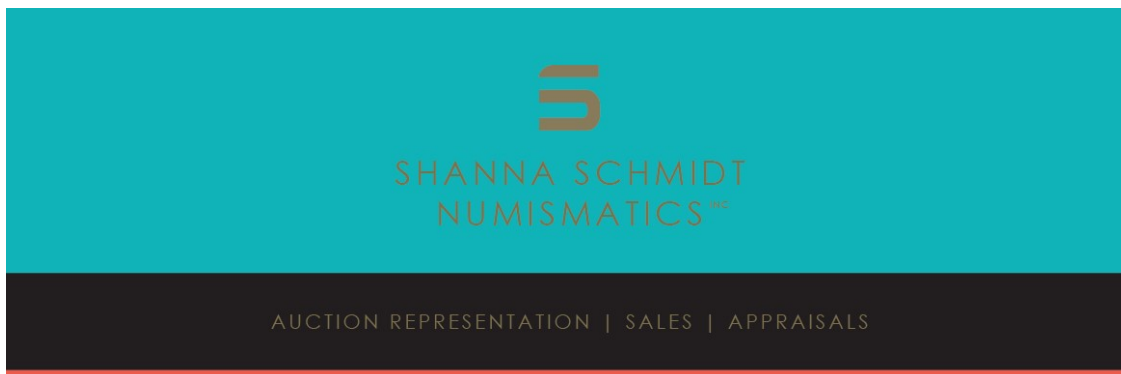


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Newsletter #48:

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Hi all! I'm writing this newsletter from lovely Schaewbisch Hall, Germany. For those of you that collect German talers you will appreciate that the coinage from Schwaebisch Hall is quite impressive. The hand symbol featured on the coinage from Schwaebisch Hall celebrates this important salt mining town since late 1000 AD. The "Heller" was a thin piece of metal with the city symbol of the hand reflected. They were minted since the 1200's. I am fortunate to be married to a real "Salzsieder" (a person who cultivates salt). In any case, salt is no longer the most important thing in Schwaebisch Hall but the

town is lovely to spend the holidays. I wish you all a wonderful holiday season and a “Guten Rutch” into 2018.

Agora Auctions #71 (closes Dec 26)

I’ve discussed this auction last week but just a reminder that this closes on December 26th.

Roma ESale 42 (closes Jan 6)

This ESale was also mentioned in last week’s newsletter so just a reminder that it will close on January 6th.

46th Annual New York International Trade Show (January 5-14, 2018) and Bourse dates (January 11-14, 2018)

If you have the possibility to attend one coin show in the year this is the one to be at. The New York International is truly one of the highlights for both dealers and collectors alike in the area of ancient coins. There are some wonderful auctions that start the weeklong event and it culminates into a four day bourse. The location of the NY International has changed from the Waldorf Astoria to the nearby Grand Hyatt Hotel. While change is difficult for some, it is welcome for this event as now all dealers can be located in one large room versus a large room and several smaller ones as was the case at the Waldorf.

My booth is 1601 at the NY International Trade Show. The Grand Hyatt Hotel is located at 109 East 42nd Street, New York, NY 10022, between Park and Lexington Avenues. I look forward to a week of seeing many of my customers and fellow dealers.

Triton XXI, parts 1-4 (part 1&2 on Jan 8 and part 3&4 on Jan 9, 2018)

Triton is offering a very impressive array of coins over the course of two days and four sessions. The first part is solely Roman provincial Alexandrian coins from the Staffieri Collection. Undeniably Alexandrian coins are not every collectors dream but there are some extremely scarce coins being offered. The Zodiac series under Antoninus Pius is beloved and difficult to obtain. This auction offers a few examples. The collection was obviously thoughtfully assembled and for this reason it is worthy of your time.

The remainder of the auction has many noteworthy coins, Greek, Roman, Byzantine and world. There are several exciting coins that I noticed within the sale. I will be attending this auction so if you would like representation please let me know soon.

The New York Sales XLII, XLIII and XLIV (Jan 9, 10 and 11, 2018)

This is a collaboration between four dealers (Goldberg, M&M, Dimitry Markov and Sovereign Rarities). You may not realize that Sovereign Rarities is a relatively new company that is composed of former employees of Baldwin’s. Sovereign Rarities just partnered with NAC for a Milan auction of the Ratto Numismatic Library. The New York Sale looks to be a great auction this year. Just a cursory glance at the ancients portion on the first day I noticed lots of brilliant beautiful coins. The first day is ancients, day two is

world coins and the last features only Russian coins, medals and badges. I plan to attend the first two days of the auction and would be very pleased to handle your bids. Please do let me know soon if you have interest.

Kolbe & Fanning (Numismatic Literature) (Jan 13, 2018)

Last week I neglected to mention the book auction for Kolbe & Fanning that will take place on January 13th at the show. There are 500 books on offer for this auction. For those of you that participated in the Ratto auction that NAC and Sovereign Rarities jointly held in Milan last week you may have been frustrated during the Greek book portion of the sale. I know I was! One bidder scooped up pretty much every book on Greek coinage. Fortunately this book sale will offer another chance for those that are still seeking books for their libraries. I highly recommend taking a peek at what they have to offer. They have a nice website for which to view the lots. It is here for your convenience:

<https://bid.numislit.com/>

Baldwin's of St. James (Jan 14, 2018)

I mentioned earlier that Baldwin's was no longer part of the New York Sale consortium, however, they are still around! Baldwin's and St. James paired together and have been doing joint auctions. On the last day of the show they will host an auction with 486 coins. There are only 20 ancients coins of the 486. It is the last day of the show so it will be the last opportunity to grab a few nice pieces.



Coin of the Week <http://www.shannaschmidt.com/coin-of-the-week/>

Vespasian. 69-79 AD. Rome, c. 70-72 AD

AR Denarius, 3.22g (20mm, 6h). IMP CAES VESP AVG PM Head of Vespasian, laureate r. / TRI POT Vesta seated l., holding simpulum

Pedigree: Ex Victor England, Dec, 1988

Price: \$1,400

Vespasian was the father of the Flavian dynasty that lasted 27 years. He came into power after a turbulent time known as the “year of the four emperors” when after the death of the emperor Nero, came a quick succession of short-lived rulers. Galba, Otho and then finally Vitellius were raised to the seat of emperor and then quickly executed by the military that they were tasked to lead. Vespasian finally brought stability to the government, as well as a familial succession upon his death.

Vespasian was noted for his early military success in Britain in 43 BC and later for his initial involvement in the subjugation of the Jews in the uprising of 66 AD. After Vespasian became emperor he brought the uprising to a close with the considerable help of his son Titus. With the spoils from the war he was able to help Rome financially, even building the Colosseum which continues to stand today.

This coin is from the stock of Victor England before CNG was formed.

References: RIC 37 (older edition); Cohen 561

Grade: Magnificent iridescent toning. Sharp strike. EF

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If you are interested in this coin please email shanna@shannaschmidt.com

If you are interested in any other coins I have available please visit my website www.shannaschmidt.com

Until next week!

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